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Re: Submission of Informational Materials by Quinn Gillespie & Associates, FARA  
Registrant 5753

Dear Ms. Hunt:

Please find enclosed two copies of documents disseminated on behalf of the Republika Srpska by FARA registrant Quinn Gillespie & Associates.

- 1) H.Res. 171 Redline
- 2) Republika Srpska Officials Meet with Members of U.S. Congress

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,



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Whereas in the 13 years since the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords, the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina have worked in partnership with the international community to achieve considerable progress in building a peaceful and democratic society based on the rule of law, respect for human rights, and a free market economy;

Whereas democratically elected political leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina representing the principal ethnic minority populations constituting the constituent peoples of that country -have taken responsibility for addressing the issues critical to its peaceful future and agreed to significant reforms of public administration and broadcasting, the creation of state-level law enforcement and judicial institutions, the establishment of a unified armed

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services and Ministry of Defense, and the creation of an Indirect Taxation Authority and, most recently, the final status of the Brcko District;

Whereas the United States has continued to support the sovereignty, legal continuity, and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina within its internationally recognized borders as well as the equality of the three constituent peoples and others within a united, multi-ethnic country in accordance with the Dayton Peace Accords;

Whereas the full incorporation of Bosnia and Herzegovina into the Euro-Atlantic community is in the national interest of the United States and important for the stabilization of southeastern Europe;

Whereas Bosnia and Herzegovina committed to the shared values of democracy, security, and stability by joining the Partnership for Peace program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in December 2006;

Whereas NATO recognized Bosnia and Herzegovina's progress in achieving political and defense reforms by inviting the country to begin an Intensified Dialogue at the Bucharest Summit in April 2008;

Whereas Bosnia and Herzegovina took the first step on the road toward European Union (EU) membership by signing a Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) in June 2008;

Whereas the international community has successfully preserved peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina since the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords, through NATO's Stabilization Force (FOR) and by a European Union Force (EUFOR) since December 2004;

Whereas the Office of the High Representative (OHR) has similarly promoted peace and stability by facilitating implementation of the civilian aspects of the Dayton Peace Accords, including through use of the extensive powers given it by the international Peace Implementation Council (PIC), with the goal of transferring its responsibilities to transitioning to a mission under the charge of a European Union Special Representative (EUSR) at the appropriate time;

Whereas, these notable accomplishments notwithstanding, the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to face significant challenges in its efforts to progress toward Euro-Atlantic integration;

Whereas the Dayton Peace Accords included many essential compromises imposed by the need for quick action to preserve human life and to enfranchise the constituent peoples of the country with meaningful governmental representation that have hindered efforts to develop efficient and effective political institutions;

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Whereas the March 2009 meeting of the PIC provides a critical opportunity for an honest and accurate assessment of whether Bosnia and Herzegovina have met the five conditions and two principles established to determine when the OHR should be closed and oversight power transferred to the EUSR: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that--  
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